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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/019,962

Applicant(s)

PERALA ET AL.

Examiner

Jeffrey B. Robertson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9,10,12 and 14 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 11 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 13 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 8 and 13 are objected to because of the following informalities: For claims 8 and 13, in the last formula set forth in claim 8 and the formula set forth in claim 13 each contain a zero within the structure. This should be changed to a capital "O" to indicate oxygen. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
3. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

For claim 11, it is not clear which epoxy silane is for component iii) is required by the claim since two formulas are set forth.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gasmene (U.S. Patent No. 5,703,178).

For claim 11, in column 2, lines 43-50, Gasmena teaches coatings that contain an epoxy resin, an epoxy silane, a siloxane, and optionally a pigment. In column 6, lines 22-26, Gasmena teaches that the epoxy resin may be an aliphatic epoxy resin. For claim 11, in column 3, lines 38-65, Gasmena teaches the addition of an epoxy functional silane and specifically mentions glycidyoxypropyltrimethoxysilane as preferred example. In column 4, lines 16-40, Gasmena teaches the addition of a polysiloxane that has a molecular weight of 500 to 3500, which significantly overlaps with applicant's molecular weight. Applicant's R₁ and R₂ significantly overlap with Gasmena's R₃ and R₄.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, and 14 are allowed.
7. Claims 8 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the claim objection set forth in this Office action.

Response to Arguments


8. Regarding applicant's arguments pertaining to the Gasmena reference applied above, the examiner finds these arguments persuasive in light of applicant's amendment to claim 1 and the declaration submitted showing the material effect of the silicone-modified polyether on the compositions of present claim 1. Regarding claim 11, since the claim uses the term "comprising" and the formula for the epoxy silane set forth by Gasmena falls within the formula set forth for the first epoxy silane of the claim, the Gasmena reference is now applicable to claim 11.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey B. Robertson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1092. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:00-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy P Gulakowski can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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